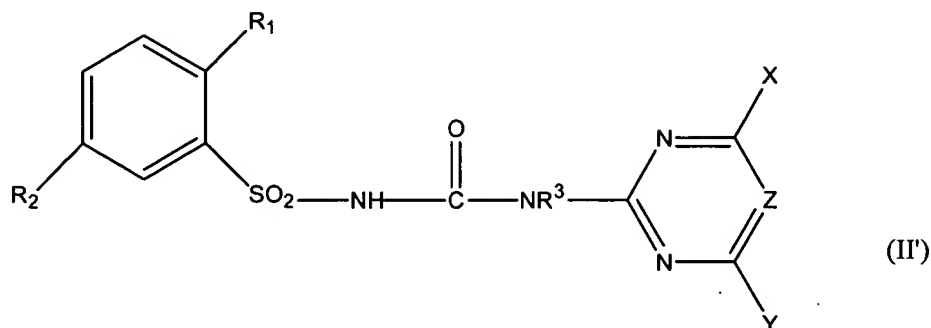


In the Claims

1. (Previously Amended) A herbicidal composition comprising
 - a) one or more herbicidal active substances,
 - b) one or more surfactants other than silicone surfactants, and
 - c) one or more humectants selected from the group consisting of lactic acid and lactic acid derivatives.
 2. (Original) A herbicidal composition as claimed in claim 1, comprising, as component a), a sulfonylurea.
 3. (Original) A herbicidal composition as claimed in claim 1, additionally comprising one or more further components from the group consisting of agrochemical active substances, additives conventionally used in the art of crop protection, and formulation auxiliaries.
 4. (Previously Presented) A method of controlling harmful plants, wherein the herbicidal composition defined as in claim 1 is applied pre-emergence, post-emergence or pre- and post-emergence to the plants, plant parts, plant seeds or the area on which the plants grow.
- Claims 5-11 (Cancelled)
12. (Original) A method for the preparation of a herbicidal composition defined as in claim 1, wherein components a), b) and c) are mixed.
 13. (Original) A method as claimed in claim 12, wherein component a), b) and c) are mixed by the tank mix method.
 14. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 4, wherein the harmful plants are controlled selectively.
 15. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 4, wherein the area on which plants grow is an area under cultivation.

16. (Currently Amended) A herbicidal composition comprising

a) at least one compound of the formula



or a salt thereof

in which

R^1 is CO-(C₁-C₄-alkoxy),

R^2 is CH₂-NHR^e, where R^e is a acyl radical,

R^3 is H or C₁-C₄-alkyl,

X and Y independently of one another are identical or different and are C₁-C₆-alkyl,

C₁-C₆-alkoxy and C₁-C₄-alkylthio, where each of the three abovementioned radicals is unsubstituted or substituted by one or more radicals selected from the group consisting of halogen, C₁-C₄-alkoxy and C₁-C₄-alkylthio, or C₃-C₆-cycloalkyl, C₂-C₆-alkenyl, C₂-C₆-alkynyl, C₃-C₆-alkenyloxy or C₃-C₆-alkynyloxy, and

Z is CH or N,

b) at least one surfactant other than a silicone surfactant, and

c) at least one humectant selected from the group consisting of MgSO₄, polyhydric lactic acid, and lactic acid derivatives.

17. (Previously Presented) The herbicidal composition according to claim 16, wherein R^e is C₁-C₄ alkylsulfonyl.

18. (Previously Presented) The herbicidal composition according to claim 16, wherein X and Y independently from one another are C₁-C₄ alkyl or C₁-C₄ alkoxy.

19. (Previously Presented) The herbicidal composition according to claim 16 wherein the surfactant is a C₈-C₂₀ alkyl polyglycol.

20. (Previously Presented) The herbicidal composition according to claim 16, wherein the humectant is sodium lactate.

21. (Previously Presented) The herbicidal composition according to claim 16, which further comprises at least one agrochemical active substance.

22. (Previously Presented) A method for controlling the growth of Bromus plants which comprises applying a composition according to claim 16 pre-emergently, post-emergently or pre- and post-emergently to the Bromus plants, plant parts, plant seeds or to an area where the Bromus plants grow.

23. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 22 wherein the area where the Bromus plants grow is an area under cultivation.

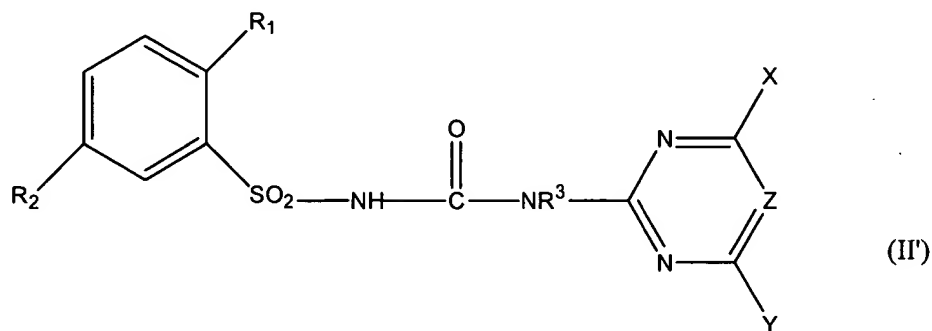
24. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 22 wherein the Bromus plants are controlled selectively.

25. (Previously Presented) The herbicidal composition according to claim 2 wherein the sulfonylurea herbicide is selected from the group consisting of mesosulfuron-methyl, rimsulfuron, nicosulfuron, iodosulfuron-methyl sodium, and foramsulfuron.

26. (Previously Presented) The herbicidal composition according to claim 25, wherein the surfactant is a C₈-C₂₀ alkyl polyglycol.

27. (Previously Presented) The herbicidal composition according to claim 26, wherein the humectant is sodium lactate.

28. (Previously Presented) A method for controlling the growth of Bromus plants which comprises applying a composition comprising at least one compound of the formula



or a salt thereof

in which

R^1 is CO-(C₁-C₄-alkoxy),

R^2 is CH₂-NHR^e, where R^e is a acyl radical,

R^3 is H or C₁-C₄-alkyl,

X and Y independently of one another are identical or different and are C₁-C₆-alkyl,

C₁-C₆-alkoxy and C₁-C₄-alkylthio, where each of the three abovementioned radicals is unsubstituted or substituted by one or more radicals selected from the group consisting of halogen, C₁-C₄-alkoxy and C₁-C₄-alkylthio, or C₃-C₆-cycloalkyl, C₂-C₆-alkenyl, C₂-C₆-alkynyl, C₃-C₆-alkényloxy or C₃-C₆-alkynyloxy, and

Z is CH or N

pre-emergently, post-emergently or pre- and post-emergently to the Bromus plants, plant parts, plant seeds or to an area where the Bromus plants grow.

29. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 28 wherein the area where the Bromus plants grow is an area under cultivation.

30. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 28 wherein the Bromus plants are controlled selectively.

31. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 28 wherein the composition further comprises one or more surfactants other than silicone surfactants and/or one or more humectants.

32. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 28 wherein the composition further comprises one or more agrochemical agents.